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## School Notes.

Agnes Smith has returned to school. Maggie Graham is visiting in Lewiston.

Matilda Stephan visited the eighth grade Monday.

Bernard Brennan entered the fifth grade last week.

Elmer Hillert has returned to school after a week's sickness.

Thirty-six South graders were neither absent nor tardy last month.

The fourth grade have story telling for morning exercise this week.

Elsie Salling and Wilda Failing were high school callers Monday.

The B division of the eighth grade have started their review in history.

The ninth grade English class has begun the study of "Enoch Arden."

The front row of the first A word study class won the race last month.

Marjorie Burgess from Beaver Creek was enrolled in the fourth A Monday.

Lillian Mortenson has returned to school after an absence of a week because of sickness.

The children of the first grade enjoyed a Thanksgiving party and treat Wednesday afternoon.

Village health officer, John Harrington, fumigated the school buildings very thoroughly last Saturday.

Doris Wilson, Kristine Salling, Rose Cassidy, Jerold Brenner, Anthony Grosse were perfect in spelling during the month of November.

Misses Yutzy, Loss, Murray, Jacobs and Clark spent the Thanksgiving vacation at a house party in Lovella. They report a most enjoyable time.

The honor roll is creating some rivalry in the high school. The number in the E and G-plus grades is increasing. We hope to double it next month.

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## GRAYLING LODGE F. & A. M. ELECTS OFFICERS.

James W. Overton Will Retire as Master and be Succeeded by A. B. Failing.

There was a fair attendance at the annual meeting of Grayling Lodge F. & A. M. last Thursday in spite of the fact that this was Thanksgiving night, a time when men generally prefer to remain with their families. At the annual meeting officers were elected and annual dues were collected.

On account of the duties of the present master, James J. Overton, he concluded that he could not accept the office another year, therefore Allen B. Failing was elected to this honor.



ALLEN B. FAILING

ble position on the first ballot; Past Master William Woodfield also received a very complimentary vote.

Following are those elected to fill the remaining offices:

Senior warden, Frank L. Freeland. Junior warden, Abraham J. Joseph. Senior deacon, Chas. J. Schreck. Junior deacon, Mose LaSprance. Secretary, Morris Brooks. Treasurer, R. D. Connine.

The installation of the new officers will occur on Saturday evening, Dec. 26.

## PLEASANT HOURS WITH GRANT SHAW.

By John B. Olney of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The following story about one of our local citizens was copied from the November number of the Michigan Sportsman:

"During working hours—from the time the first rooster crows till about 3 p. m.—Grant Shaw is a very busy man. Travelers on the Michigan Central who stop at Grayling may have seen him through the ticket window as he turns from one instrument to another or hammers away at his typewriter. He never asks questions, but is always ready with a civil and satisfactory answer to inquiries pertaining to railway business. Aside from that he's deaf, dumb and blind, till after hours. That's the time when Grant comes to life and lucky is the fisherman who forms his acquaintance for he has a boat on most every lake or river near Grayling, knows every angle and turn in the main stream of the Au Sable for miles and the way he can handle a boat would drive an Indian to tears of envy. It is said by some that Grant calls most of the brook trout by their first names but it's the rainbows, the big fellows, that interest him most. He knows them all. I was lucky enough on a recent visit to be picked up by Mr. Shaw for a little excursion. About 4 o'clock we slipped out to his home where Mr. Shaw had packed a nice lunch and gotten together the few things we needed, while one of the boys hitched the team to a spring wagon. In a few minutes we were off for the river. It was a beautiful evening and as we were a little too early for the big ones Grant decided to slip onto the lake and try casting for a pike. We spent an hour or more shooting plugs at likely spots, but with poor success. It was not hard work to guide a Dowagiac through the grass and weeds of the lake, but a strike, and we got several, was sure to tangle the tackle and by the time the mass was towed to the boat the fish was gone. We could find fish only where the weeds were thick. Soon tiring of this, we slipped out of the lake down a tortuous, winding stream to the river, and after an hour's hard work were anchored at one of Grant's favorite spots.

After a few strikes I finally hooked what seemed at first to be a log, but in a second there was a splash and a crash full sixty feet down stream, like some wild animal fighting for his life, and my reel was spinning like mad. "Easy, old man," said Shaw, "take your time, he's worth the while." After what seemed an hour, though perhaps only a few minutes, with fingers cramped, arms aching and nerves tingling, I saw by moonlight a flash of silver alongside and Grant was there with the net. Only a few more kicks and the rainbow was dead. The fight had killed him as it often does those big fellows.

After looking him over Grant suggested that he'd be about all we could eat the next day and as I was tired we started for home. I sat in the bow of that big river boat at peace with the

world and listened to the water rushing by as Grant poled the craft upstream to the landing. It was past eleven o'clock when I turned in, but not before that big fish was prepared for baking next day.

Yes, dear reader, we got fish—just one—and we had a most delightful trip. Perhaps we might have had several but we could not have used them and neither of us are strong for supplying fish to the neighborhood. Our theory is that the fellow who really enjoys fish is the one who goes after them. No man can land a big rainbow with a five ounce rod without having considerable respect for the fish's fighting qualities. That's why they taste so much better than "store fish."

## GRAYLING GIVES \$500.00. Town Contributes Generously to Belgium Relief.

Grayling has contributed \$500 to the Belgium relief fund of Detroit. That sum was handed over last Wednesday to Richard P. Joy, president of the National Bank of Commerce, Detroit, by A. E. Michelson. On the initiative of Mr. Michelson, interest was created among Grayling people in the worldwide campaign to relieve stricken Belgium.

The list of subscribers is: A. E. Michelson, \$50; Esbern Hanson, \$25; Raamus Hanson, \$100; Oscar W. Hanson, \$25; Nels Michelson, \$50; H. A. Bauman, \$25; M. Hanson, \$25; Geo. L. Alexander, \$25; N. P. Olson, \$25; Chris Hanson, \$5; John Benson, \$5; J. C. Foreman, \$5; Chas. Blair, \$50; A. C. Olson, \$2.50; P. F. Jorgenson, \$2; Olaf Sorenson, \$2; T. W. Hanson, \$25; C. Johnson, \$2; C. L. Tromble, \$2; O. N. Michelson, \$10; R. D. Connine, \$1; G. W. Brett, \$1; Richard Babbitt, \$1; Wm. Moshier, \$1; F. H. Milks, \$2; H. Peterson, \$2; Harry Simpson, \$1; Geo. McCullough, \$1; C. O. McCullough, \$1; N. Schjotz, \$2; A. M. Lewis, \$1; John Larson, \$5; Julius Nelson, \$1; R. S. Babbitt, \$1; H. G. Benedict, \$50; Fred E. Michelson, \$18. Total \$500.

## Chamberlain's Cough Remedy—the Mothers' Favorite.

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## LETTER FROM THE STATE CAPITOL

COMPLETE ROSTER OF THE NEXT SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

### MANY NEW NAMES IN LIST

Inauguration of State Officers Will Take Place on January 1 and Legislature Will Convene the Following Wednesday.

[By GURD M. HAYES.]

Lansing—According to the provisions of the constitution the legislature shall convene the first Wednesday in January, while the inauguration of the governor and the various state officers takes place the first day of the year.

Judge Flavius L. Brooke of Detroit will be chief justice of the supreme court next year and he will have the honor of administering the oath of office to Governor Ferris, Lieut. Gov. Luren D. Dickinson, Secretary of State Coleman C. Vaughan, Auditor-General O. B. Fuller, State Treasurer John W. Haarer and Attorney-General Grant Fellows. This event will take place on Friday, January 1, and the opening session of the legislature will not be held until the following Wednesday, which is the sixth of the month. Two years ago the first day of the year fell on Wednesday and the inauguration and the opening of the legislature followed each other in rapid succession.

When the two branches of the legislature are organized on the sixth day of next January, there will be many new faces in the assembly. Only thirty legislators who were members of last house will return next year and only fifteen members of the 1915 senate will be back. Next year there will not be a single bull moose in either branch of the legislature, although the third party men made quite a showing two years ago. In the house there will be 85 republicans and 5 democrats, and in the senate there will be 39 republicans and three democrats. The republicans will have the biggest majority on joint ballot since 1905 when they were in absolute control of each house.

Rep. Edward of Houghton, Rep. Jerome of Detroit, and Rep. Henry of Battle Creek will be the only three terms in the house. There will be several who will be third and fourth terms. Senator George Scott of Detroit will be the oldest senator in point of service as he has seen three terms in the upper house. Senator-elect John Damon of Mt. Pleasant and Senator Ogg of Detroit are the only members of the legislature whose experience in law making dates back to 1887. Both Ogg and Damon were members of the house that year.

Rep. Aaron Amon of Mecosta county will head the house roll call next year. There is always an abundance of Smiths in the legislature and the coming session is not exceptional. There is one in the senate and four in the house.

Following are the members who will compose the house and senate of the 1915 legislature:

#### SENATORS.

Given in order of district, name and postoffice:

- 1st, Louis N. Hilsendegen, R., Detroit.
- 2nd, Jas. A. Murtha, D., Detroit.
- 3d, Jas. W. Hanley, R., Detroit.
- 4th, Robt. Y. Ogg, R., Detroit.
- 5th, Geo. G. Scott, R., Detroit.
- 6th, Walter R. Taylor, R., Kalamazoo.
- 7th, Edgar A. Planck, R., Bristol.
- 8th, Burrell Tripp, R., Allegan.
- 9th, Henry E. Straight, R., Coldwater.
- 10th, Chas. J. DeLand, R., Jackson.
- 11th, David A. Fitzgibbon, R., Port Huron.
- 12th, Frank L. Covert, R., Pontiac.
- 13th, Geo. A. Barnes, R., Flint.
- 14th, Chas. W. Foster, R., Lansing.
- 15th, Elbert V. Smith, R., Nashville.
- 16th, Leonard D. Verrier, R., Grand Rapids.
- 17th, John Paul, R., East Grand Rapids.
- 18th, Herbert E. Powell, R., Ionia.
- 19th, Frank M. Groger, D., Onsted.
- 20th, Fred L. Woodworth, R., Cassville.
- 21st, Terry T. Corlies, R., Mayville.
- 22nd, Frank H. McPhillips, D., Saginaw.
- 23rd, Edward Hofma, R., Grand Haven.
- 24th, August H. Gausser, R., Bay City.
- 25th, John A. Damon, R., Mt. Pleasant.
- 26th, Samuel Odell, R., Shelby.
- 27th, Robt. E. Walter, R., Traverse City.
- 28th, Louis L. Kelley, R., Farwell.
- 29th, J. Lee Morford, R., Gaylord.
- 30th, Jas. C. Wood, R., Manistiquette.
- 31st, Alton T. Roberts, R., Marquette.
- 32nd, Geo. Williams, R., Calumet.

#### REPRESENTATIVES.

- Allegan: 1st, district Geo. Leland, Fennville, R.; 2nd, L. C. Root, Allegan, R.
- Bay: 1st, Marshall A. Oakley, Bay City, R.; 2nd, August Quintel, Auburn, R.
- Berrien: 1st, Chas. W. Matthews,

The constitutional amendment allowing students and traveling men to vote while away from home on election day has carried. Official figures obtained from the secretary of state's department show it to have a majority of 13,974, with only Emmet county opposing. Wayne county came in with a majority of about 16,000, which placed the amendment beyond the doubt of being lost. This is the only amendment which carried of those submitted at the last election.

Calumet, R. J. D.; 2nd, S. E. Dalgous, Benton Harbor, R.

Calumet: 1st, L. J. Wolcott, Albion, D.; 2nd, Jas. Henry, Battle Creek, R.

Genesee: 1st, Ransom L. Ford, Montrose, R.; 2nd, W. B. Ormsbee, Flint, R.

Houghton: 1st, Seymour H. Persons, Lansing, R.; 2nd, Chas. W. Clark, Danvers, R.

Jackson: 1st, Emory J. Wood, Jackson, R.; 2nd, Clarence J. Reed, Spring Arbor, R.

Kalamazoo: 1st, J. M. Biggerstaff, Kalamazoo, R.; 2nd, Milo A. Snow, Richmond, R.

Kent: 1st, Roy M. Watkins, Grand Rapids, R.; 2nd, J. Averill, Grand Rapids, R.

Lapeer: 1st, Wm. DeBoer, Grand Rapids, R.; 2nd, Chas. R. Foot, Alto, R.; 3rd, Herbert A. Van Antwerp, Rockford, R.

Lebanon: 1st, William H. Moore, Palmyra, D.; 2nd, John R. Vine, Weston, R.

Macquett: 1st, Wm. S. Ewing, Harvey, R.; 2nd, Thos. F. Francis, Ishpeming, R.

Oakland: 1st, Albert G. Griggs, Pontiac, R.; 2nd, Fredrick Wieland, Orion, R.

Ottawa: 1st, Gerritt W. Kooyers, Holland, R.; 2nd, Albert H. Bosch, Jamestown, R.

Saginaw: 1st, Harvey Fenner, Saginaw, R.; 2nd, Archibald, Robertson, Saginaw, R.; 3rd, Geo. A. Ward, Brant, R.

St. Clair: 1st, Alex. Cowan, Port Huron, R.; 2nd, Jas. M. Haviland, Richmond, R.

Washtenaw: 1st, D. B. Sutton, Ann Arbor, D.; 2nd, Geo. S. Wright, Milan, R.

Wayne: 1st, Geo. P. Palmer, Detroit, R.; 2nd, John Stevenson, Detroit, R.; 3rd, Noble Ashley, Detroit, R.; 4th, Chas. Culver, Detroit, R.; 5th, J. A. Jerome, Detroit, R.; 6th, Wm. H. Marks, Detroit, R.; 7th, Sherman Ford, Detroit, R.; 8th, Homer McGraw, Detroit, R.; 9th, Wm. H. Jones, Detroit, R.; 10th, Chas. Flowers, Detroit, R.; 11th, Herman L. Koehler, Detroit, R.; 12th, Allan L. Lamphere, Redford, R.; 13th, Edward Gayde, Plymouth, R.; 14th, Ari H. Woodruff, Wyandotte, R.

Alpena: Alonzo B. Green, Long Rapids, R.

Antrim: T. N. Chapin, Bellaire, R.

Barry: Chas. A. Weissert, Hastings, R.

Branch: M. L. Evans, Coldwater, R.

Cass: Fred B. Wells, Cassopolis, R.

Charlevoix: Herman I. McMillan, East Jordan, R.

Cheboygan: Saml. J. Smith, Mackinaw, City, R.

Chippewa: Merlin Wiley, Sault Ste. Marie, R.

Clinnton: Chas. A. Hulse, St. John, R.

Delta: G. Raymond Empson, Gladstone, R.

Dickinson: John Daprato, Iron Mountain, R.

Easton: Ernest G. Pray, Dimondale, R.

Emmet: Dana H. Hinkley, Petoskey, R.

Gogebic: S. G. Nelson, Ironwood, R.

Grand Traverse: Lowell Sours, Elk Rapids, R.

Gratiot: Newel Smith, St. Louis, R.

Hillsdale: Wm. F. Jerome, Hillsdale, R.

Huron: Gottfried Gettel, Sebawing, R.

Ionia: Fred L. Warner, Belding, R.

Isabella: Walter A. Keen, Mt. Pleasant, D.

Lapeer: Chas. W. Smith, Lapeer, R.

Livingston: Henry T. Ross, Brighton, R.

Macomb: Wm. F. Nank, Mt. Clemens, R.

Manistee: Arlie L. Hopkins, Bear Lake, R.

Mason: Chas. Tufts, Ludington, R.

4. R. Necosta: Aaron Amon, Remus, R.

Memphis: Chas. D. Symonds, Powers, R.

Midland: Clifford G. Olmstead, Midland, R.

Monroe: C. Wesley Kemmerling, Monroe, R.

Montcalm: Geo. W. Miller, Greenville, R.

Muskegon: Tom F. Rogers, Ravenna, R.

Newaygo: Wayne R. Rice, White Cloud, R.

Ocean: Thos. Read, Shelby, R.

Oscoda: John Schmidt, Reed City, R.

2. R. Sanilac: Herbert H. Hoffman, Sandusky, R.

Shiawassee: John Y. Martin, Corunna, R.

St. Joseph: Chas. B. Place, Three Rivers, R.

Tuscola: Alonzo J. Sherman, Fostoria, R.

Van Buren: Lynn J. Lewis, Bangor, R.

## BIG BATTLESHIP LOST TO BRITAIN

Bulwark Blown Up in Estuary of River Medway, Near London.

### ALMOST ENTIRE CREW GONE

Between 700 and 800 Men Killed—Believed to Have Been Caused by Explosion of the Magazine—Russians Claim Victory Which Is Denied by Berlin—Little Fighting in Flanders.

London, Nov. 28.—The battleship Bulwark of Great Britain was blown up and sunk Thursday in the estuary of the Medway river. Between 700 and 800 men were lost, including Capt. Guy Belcher, her commander, and all her officers. Only 14 of her crew were saved.

It is announced officially that the explosion was interior and originated in the ship's magazine.

The disaster is the most appalling, with the exception of the loss of the Audacious, the British navy has suffered in war. The men aboard her had not a fighting chance for their lives. The boat sank in three minutes.

The band was playing aboard the Bulwark. Near her were anchored several other ships.

Churchill Announces Disaster.

Suddenly a terrific explosion occurred in the bowels of the ship. A great cloud of smoke arose, enveloping the Bulwark and shutting her from sight. A great white flash of fire streaked through the black veil; the smoke cloud thickened and rolled outward and upward.

Announcement of the loss of the Bulwark in Sheerness harbor was made in the house of commons by Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty.

Only Fourteen Are Saved.

Mr. Churchill's official statement follows:

"The battleship Bulwark was lying in the harbor at Sheerness when she was blown up. The disaster occurred at 7:55 o'clock in the morning. The ship was torn absolutely asunder and had entirely disappeared when the smoke cleared away. It is the opinion of the admirals at Sheerness that the ship was destroyed by an explosion of the magazine. Only 14 members of the crew were saved. The destruction of the Bulwark will not sensibly affect our military or naval position."

Chief Loss Is in Men.

The Bulwark was of 16,000 tons displacement. It was laid down in 1889 and completed in 1902. It was 411 feet long, 75 feet wide, and drew 29 feet of water. Its armament consisted of four 12-inch guns, 12 6-inch guns, 16 12-pounders, six 3-pounders and four submerged torpedo tubes. It had a complement of 750 men. It cost \$5,000,000.

Although too old to be any longer in the first fighting line, the Bulwark still was a useful unit. The loss of the ship, however, was nothing compared with the heavy loss in trained officers and men. The Bulwark in its early career was quite a favored ship. For a long time it was the flagship of Admiral Charles Beresford in the Mediterranean.

More British Ships Sunk.

London, Nov. 28.—German submarines have sunk two more British steamships and a German mine has sent to the bottom a British naval collier, according to admission of the British admiralty.

Coming on the heels of the appalling disaster which befell the British battleship Bulwark, when it was blown up with the loss of more than 750 officers and men, the new evidences of hostile naval menace at the very gates of London has served to spread consternation over England.

Churchill Seeks to Allay Fear.

A supreme effort to allay the growing terror of the British people was made in an extraordinary speech in the house of commons by Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty. He reviewed the operations of the British fleet in the war and contrasted the present and prospective strength of the British fleet with that of the German fleet, declaring new warships were being finished so rapidly in England now that Great Britain could lose one dreadnaught every month for a year and still retain her present superiority over the Germans.

"At the beginning of the war we had 34 dreadnaughts and Germany had 21," Mr. Churchill said. "We have lost six of our older armed cruisers; Germany has lost two. Great Britain had 36 modern light cruisers; Germany had 25. We have lost two; Germany has lost or interned six; we have added six."

To Reveal All Losses.

Referring to criticisms of the admiralty's failure to utilize its submarines as effectively as the Germans had done, Churchill said the fact that British submarines had been unable to produce results on a large scale was due to the "seldom offered opportunity to attack."

"The time has not yet arrived when we can usefully discuss the particulars of certain losses to which reference has been made. As soon as possible all facts connected with past operations and the administration of the navy will be made public."

Important in Russian Life.

Writer Pays High Tribute to the Simplicity and Sincerity Characteristic of the Russian.

In "The Making of Russia" (Thomas Nelson) Hon. Maurice Harcourt declares that "The Russian soul is allied with a human Christian charity which is warmer in kind and in degree, and expressed with a greater simplicity and sincerity than I have met with in any other people anywhere else."

## STAFF MAKES NO BIG CLAIMS

Petrograd Official Announcement Simply Reports Victory Over the German Forces.

London, Nov. 27.—The Russian general staff still is withholding the details of the victory which all other dispatches from Petrograd say the Russians have won over the German forces which penetrated Poland. Tonight's official report simply says the battle continues to develop to the advantage of the Russians and that the Germans are trying to extricate themselves from an unfavorable position.

The Germans, on the other hand, claim they have inflicted heavy losses on the Russians between Lodz and Lwow.

Lord Kitchener in the house of lords today stated that "the re-enforced Russian troops in this neighborhood have been able to check and defeat the Germans with, I believe, heavier losses than they ever sustained before."

The Russians are said to be continuing their advances through the Carpathians in western Galicia and against Cracow and also are forming a half-circle around East Prussia to avoid the well-fortified and difficult Masurian lake region.

Russian Official Statement.

Petrograd, Nov. 27.—The following official communication from general headquarters was issued today:

"In the battle of Lodz, which continues to develop, the advantage remains with our troops. The Germans are making strenuous efforts to facilitate the retreat of their troops, which, having penetrated in the direction of Brzezina, are now retreating to the region of Strykow under conditions very unfavorable to them."

"A German corps has been surrounded and is struggling to break through to the northward, but the Russians are keeping the pace and are gradually drawing inwards. The corps has lost very severely and many men have been captured."

"On the Austrian front our action continues with success. In the fighting of November 25 we took as many as 8,000 prisoners, including two regiments with their commanders and other officers."

German Claim 40,000 Prisoners.

Berlin, November 27.—An official announcement given out today by the German army staff says:

"There is no change in the situation in East Prussia."

"In Poland our troops under General von Mackensen at Lodz and Lwow inflicted heavy losses on the first and second and on a portion of the fifth Russian armies. In addition to many killed and wounded we have in our possession about 40,000 uninjured prisoners, 70 cannon, 160 ammunition wagons and 156 machine guns, while we destroyed 30 cannon. In these battles our young troops did brilliantly in spite of great sacrifices."

LULL IN FLANDERS BATTLE

Both Sides Claim to Have Made Slight Progress, But With Little Important Results.

Paris, Nov. 27.—Except for artillery fighting the battle in Flanders remains virtually at a standstill, although in isolated attacks both sides claim to have made some progress. There is no indication where the next German blow is to be struck in the attempt to reach the French coast.

The official French announcement given out in Paris this afternoon reads as follows:

"No important development marked the day of November 25. In the north the cannonading diminished in intensity and no infantry attack was directed against our lines, which made slight advances at certain points."

"In the region of Arras there was a continuation of the bombardment on the town and its environs."

Berlin Reports Situation Unchanged.

Berlin, Nov. 27.—An official announcement given out in Berlin today is as follows:

"In the western arena of the war the situation remains unchanged. The French opened an attack in the region of St. Hilaire with strong forces. The strength of this attack gradually dwindled and the movement finally was repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy."

"We have made progress at Arras."

Report of Casualties.

Berlin, Nov. 28.—A dispatch from Bernice reports from a reliable source set forth that the French losses up to November 1 were 130,000 men killed, 370,000 wounded, and 167,000 missing.

Paris, Nov. 28.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Temps telegraphs that he learns from diplomatic sources that the total German losses counting dead, wounded, prisoners, men incapacitated by illness, and those missing for August, September, and the early part of October amount to 1,500,000.

England to Repel Foes.

London, Nov. 27.—England is preparing rapidly to repel any possible invasion by Germany. Along the east and south coasts of England these preparations, begun some time ago, are being pushed forward as speedily as possible. Emergency command posts of prominent citizens have been formed in several of the large towns. The principal measures already planned look to the safe withdrawal of women and children from the areas which may be threatened, and also the removal of live stock.

Germany Pays Damages.

Luxemburg, Grand Duchy of Luxemburg, via London.—The newspaper Wort announces officially that Germany thus far has paid to Luxemburg 1,280,000 francs (\$256,000) for damages done to the fields and crops by the passage of the German troops and 311,000 francs (\$62,200) for the use of roads and the damage done to streets and buildings.

BRIEF NEWS OF WAR

Amsterdam, via London.—A Vienna telegram to the Frankfurter Zeitung says that Count Bobrinsky, the Russian governor-general of Galicia, died at Lemberg Friday of apoplexy.

London.—An official Austrian dispatch sent by Reuters Vienna correspondent by way of Amsterdam, admits that Czernowitz, the capital of the Austrian province of Bukovina, has been evacuated by Austrian troops.

Princeton, N. J.—At the suggestion of President John Grier Hibben and with the official sanction of Princeton university, Professor Howard McChesnan, dean of the college, will call for Europe to investigate the condition of Belgian refugees.

Dublin, via London.—It is understood that King George has approved the proposal to utilize Dublin castle as an emergency hospital for wounded soldiers. It is planned to have the hospital ready within three weeks to accommodate 600 patients.

The issuance of auto licenses for 1918 has already begun from the office of the secretary of state, and William H. Martz, of Detroit, a member of the legislative delegation from the metropolis, gets No. 1.

## SEVEN MILLION A MONTH IS NEW TAX ON BELGIUM

Germany Said to Have Made Levy for Maintenance of Troops

### FRANCE ISSUES YELLOW BOOK ON WAR CAUSES

Volume Is More Complete Than That of Other Countries and Comprises 216 Pages and 160 Documents.

Amsterdam, via London.—A message from Brussels to the Handelsblad states that the German governor of the province of Brabant, in which Brussels is located, convoked a meeting of financiers and told them that Belgium must pay 35,000,000 francs (\$7,000,000) monthly for the maintenance of German troops.

In addition to this sum, it is said, Belgium must contribute a war levy of 375,000,000 francs (\$75,000,000) as a penalty for violations of neutrality by Belgium and losses ensuing therefrom to Germany.

The \$7,000,000 monthly indemnity is to be a separate one from that imposed on the different cities.

French Issue Yellow Book.

Paris.—The French ministry of foreign affairs Monday made public a yellow book bearing on the causes of the present war. This French volume is much more complete than the publications of this nature given out up to the present time by other governments.

The French report has 216 pages and comprises no fewer than 160 documents. It is devoted primarily to a recital of the negotiations which followed the delivery of the Austrian note to Serbia (July 23, 1914) and which preceded the declaration of war by the Germans on Russia (Aug. 1, 1914) and on France (Aug. 3, 1914). It is brought to a close by the reproduction of the declaration of the triple entente powers that Great Britain, Russia and France would not conclude peace separately.

The French diplomatic documents in this book are divided in chapters in order to distinguish the preliminaries from the principal phases of the European crisis. The first chapter is entitled "Preface" (1913) and is devoted to the remotest regions and the deeper causes of the present conflict.

Will Send Soldiers to Africa.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville.—The official press bureau announced Monday that it had received advices from Rotterdam to the effect that England was soon to send a part of her new army to South Africa. The remainder of the British reinforcements, it is said, are destined for the continent.

The Turkish general staff, it is reported from Constantinople, denies that the Turkish army operating against the Russians is retreating on Erzerum.

The press bureau says that the sultan of Turkey has received a pledge of allegiance subscribed to by Egyptian notables.

King George Visits War Zone.

London.—The official press bureau announced Monday that King George had gone to France Sunday night, to visit the general headquarters of the British expeditionary force.

The king was accompanied by his private secretary, Baron Stamfordham, and his equerry, Map. Wigram, and the other members of his suite.

The party left Buckingham palace Sunday night and proceeded across the channel.

A Reuter dispatch from the north of France says that King George arrived Monday after a very rough passage. The king was received by the Prince of Wales and paid a visit to the hospitals.

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There is now absolutely no illiteracy in Norway. And there is no real abject poverty. In a city like Christiania there are, naturally, some people called poor. But they look clean and well-fed. It is nothing like what one may see in London or Paris or Vienna or Petrograd, where great numbers of miserable and ignorant wretches show by their appearance that they never have enough to eat.

If a very large number of men are thrown out of work this winter the railway department is prepared to begin work on the Nordland railway near the Sunnan station. The people of this part of the country are anxious to have the road built to Grong as soon as possible on account of the iron mines which have been opened in that district.

The war is not yet costing Norway very much, and its horrors have not come home to the people. The tone of the press, as well as the common talk, is optimistic, hoping that while the war is an awful thing, good will come of it. The law of compensation will ultimately bring results to justify the frightful cost. The Norwegian papers take a cheerful view, especially the Democrat and Socialist journals, which point out that the war must result in a great gain for the cause of democracy throughout the world.

The society for the prevention of emigration asked for a contribution of one-fourth cent from each inhabitant in the country. A little over \$2,000 was received, which shows that 200,000, or about one-third of the population, is interested in the cause.

The work on the Dovre railway is progressing in a satisfactory manner. The rails have been laid almost to the boundary between Storöen and Soknedalen. The weather has been fine for this kind of work.

The city of Gothenburg has decided to take shares to the value of about five hundred and fifty thousand dollars in







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Henry Stephens for Regent of University.

Announcements have appeared in the state papers of the candidacy of Henry Stephens, of Waters, for the office of Regent of University. This is a very honorable position to which Mr. Stephens aspires, and one for which he would be singularly well qualified.

The Board of Regents, as provided by the constitution of the State of Michigan, consists of eight members, two of whom are elected every other year, in the spring. They hold office for eight years. Said board is a body corporate, having power to enact ordinances, by-laws and regulations for the government of the University; they have power to elect a president and such professors and tutors as may be necessary; to appoint a secretary, librarian, treasurer, steward and such other officers as the institution may require; to provide and arrange courses of study; to provide for the keeping of meteorological tables; receive and expend all moneys for the support of the institution, and make an exhibit of the affairs of the University each year, said exhibit to be incorporated in the report of the superintendent of public instruction.

Mr. Stephens is a college graduate and holds diplomas from Harvard college and also from Heidelberg college, Germany. It would appear that the qualifications of Mr. Stephens for this office would be splendid, and that there are very good reasons to believe that his wishes to be elected to membership on the board of regents will meet with public approval.

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### Mrs. Carter Dead.

Tuesday forenoon, Nov. 23rd, death entered the home of John B. Carter, northwest of town, and removed to the great beyond his beloved wife, who had been ill for the past six weeks with stomach and bowel trouble. Along with this ailment she suffered a slight paralytic stroke about two weeks ago, from which time she continued to grow worse until the end came peacefully.

Deceased, Sophia Belleville, age 68 years and 11 days, was born near Perryburg, Ohio, and came to Roscommon in 1901, where she met and was married to Mr. Carter in 1902.

Beside her husband, she is survived by two sisters, one living at Coleman and one in the south. The funeral was held from the Congregational church this morning, Rev. Etheridge officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Higgins cemetery—Roscommon Herald-News.

### Notice of Tax Collections.

I will be at my office in my home in Beaver Creek township every Friday during the month of December for the collection of taxes.

MARION R. HOPKINS,  
Nov. 26-6. Treasurer.

## Local News

Mrs. Henry Stephens, of Waters, is a guest of Mrs. Marius Hanson.

A town is like a girl; it's a wonder what a little fixing up will do for it.

Opportunity knocks once at each man's door. Better be at home when it comes.

Put screens up before the house flies, but take them down before the snow flies.

The world owes every man a living; but the street corner is a poor collection agency.

Don't spend so much time talking war that you haven't any time left to talk business.

Let your opinion of this town be like the busy bee: let it improve each shining minute.

Plaster your house and everybody will follow your example. Lath and the world lath with you.

We can't all be Michael Angelos; but almost any man can work wonders with a can of house paint.

When you look at a small-order catalog, remember that sometimes the best part of a circus is the parade.

The Million Dollar Mystery is being shown two nights—Wednesday and Friday—each week, at the opera house.

A few pine boards bought now and used to chink up the cracks may save you buying pine, tar and honey next winter.

Miss Mildred Schreck, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. MacArthur of Cheboygan, returned home Saturday.

It is expected that a highly recommended troupe of colored jubilee singers will give an entertainment here about Dec. 14.

Mrs. H. Collier, mother of Mrs. Frank Tetu, after spending several weeks here, returned to her home in Standish last Friday morning.

Miss Hattie Kraus was the winner of the diamond ring, given by Manager Overton of the Grayling opera house, to the most popular young lady.

The last boat to Scandinavia in time for Christmas leaves New York Dec. 9. Buy your Xmas cards now. Our big assortment now on display. Sorenson Bros.

The kicker should consider the bull-frog, how he croaks; he has been croaking now for several thousand years, but nobody has ever taken him seriously.

Tax payers are hereby notified that the tax rolls for the township of Grayling are in the hands of the treasurer at the Bank of Grayling, ready for the collection of taxes. 12-3-11.

Speaker Clark, who passed through Washington a few days ago, says that the coming session of Congress will do nothing but pass necessary appropriation bills. He also says that he does not expect an extra session of Congress.

Mrs. Louis M. McConnell, formerly Miss Ruth Barlow, a resident here for several years, now living at 7739 Channing avenue, Chicago, is the mother of a baby boy, born Dec. 1st. All well and happy, especially "Grandpa and Grandma" Palmer.

He who seeks to wrong another always gets paid back with compound interest. This does not necessarily mean that the man against whom the wrong is done is guilty of retaliation. But it does mean that Nature itself acts the part of a boomerang as to the offender's own character.

In speaking of the game of foot ball between the Michigan soccer team and Battle Creek Normal school, Thanksgiving day, at Ann Arbor, the Detroit Free Press says that Louie Joseph ran a close race for first honors for star playing, with the Ann Arborites. McCall won the honors with but a slight margin over Joseph and VanDomselaar. The University defeated the Normals 8 to 1.

It is supposed by many that there are no rats in Grayling but the experience of Adelbert Taylor yesterday proves to a certainty that there is. Mr. Taylor stated that he caught thirteen of these pests in a trap, set in his stables, yesterday. Previous to this he caught six. Rats seem to be getting a strong foothold here and every effort should be made to exterminate them. We believe that the supervisors could well afford to pay a bounty on rats, and thus hasten their extermination. If this is done it should be done now, in the early stages.

Members of the K. of P. lodge were given what appears to be an annual treat in the form of a venison supper, last evening. Both last year and this year Claude Gilson has furnished the venison and the members have royally enjoyed the feast and the pleasant social companionship that comes from these meetings. Ambrose McClellan and Charles Fehr prepared the banquet and of course everything was fine. Five new members were voted in at this meeting, also arrangements made for the origination of a Uniform Rank.

At the regular meeting of the Eastern Star chapter last evening the gentlemen of the order gave a complimentary dinner to the ladies. The men did all the work, from the cooking and serving to washing the dishes. While the bill of fare wasn't elaborate the ladies said, "everything is delicious," and we guess they ought to know. At the conclusion of the banquet, what appeared to be cigars were passed to the ladies, thereby greatly shocking some of the extremely modest ones, but investigation revealed them to be delicious chocolate articles.

Brand Whitlock's Quiet Time.  
Brand Whitlock found the crashing din of Toledo, Ohio, too nerve-racking for a fellow who wanted calm, old-world peace in which to write a new book. So he accepted a post as minister to Belgium, feeling that in the sleepy Flemish atmosphere he would be surrounded by ideal conditions. Bang!!!

The European War broke out and suddenly almost an entire corps of ambassadors unloaded their duties upon Brand's shoulders. He accepted them all. Then came the vanguard of the war-scarred refugees, attempting to return to America. Brand cared for them in person, scores, hundreds, thousands, legions. He arranged money for the moneyless, ships for the "shipless," clothes for the "clothesless," and finally got all his stranded and panic-stricken compatriots out of the various warring nations and on their way to the United States.

Then came the distribution of food, supplies and money to the real victims of the war—the women and children rendered homeless by the destroying armies. Whitlock again was at the head and front of everything. He is sticking on the job like a hired man at a corned-beef and cabbage dinner. Of all the Americans in Europe he is the biggest, the busiest, and the most effective. Day and night since the first week in August, he has been up and doing. Not a day elapses but discovers him in a new role as first-aid to something.

We should like to read that book that was to have been written in the "calm and peaceful atmosphere of sleepy Flanders."

### M. E. Church Notes.

The preacher of this much alive church invites all God's people to church on Sunday.

Come to church Sunday morning and evening. Get into the habit; strife and suffering is calling to men today, making a mighty appeal and reminding them of the broken laws of Almighty God, of the claims of weaker humanity upon the stronger.

This death cry of stricken humanity again calls to mind the words of the poet Burns, "Tis Man's inhumanity to Man that makes countless thousands mourn."

Service begins at 10:30 and 7:00 o'clock. Subject, Sunday morning, "What is Man?"

AARON MITCHELL, Pastor.

Shelling a cathedral hurts a town, and shelling peanuts doesn't help it much.

Red Cross Christmas seals are now on sale by the Boy Scouts and it is hoped that the sale this year will be even greater than last year.

A proposition will be urged on Congress to take an agricultural census of the United States. It is estimated that \$3,000,000 will be needed for this purpose.

Attempts have been made to purchase the Krag-Jorgensen rifles which were discarded by our army when the new Springfield rifle was adopted. President Wilson fears that such purchase would be for some of the powers at war and he does not intend to have our neutrality questioned by permitting such a sale. Incidentally, the government is losing about \$2,275,000 by refusing to sell.

## WANTS

Advertisements will be accepted under this heading at the rate of 5 cents per line. No ad. taken for less than 15 cents. There are about six words to the line. SEND MONEY WITH THE ORDER.

FOR SALE—Blacksmith outfit, good set of tools and some stock, good shop, rent cheap, lots of work, also some household goods and a new small sized safe. Will sell cheap as I am going away. G. M. Peaseley, Frederic, Mich. 12-3-11.

FOR SALE—Four horse power gasoline engine. Chris Hoelsi, phone 1094.

WASHING wanted by Mrs. George Mullinger. Phone 923. 11-26-2.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms, one with bath. Inquire of Mrs. E. F. Matson.

PLAIN SEWING wanted, that I can do at home. Just east of Madison's addition on the south side of the river. Drop a card in the post office and I will call for the work, and believe I can satisfy you. Mrs. Sarah Deket. 11-26-2.

FOX HOUND—One year old, and pup for sale. Inquire of Geo. Belmont. County line phone. 11-19-3.

STOVE and furniture repairing and upholstering. South side, next to Hendrickson's tailor shop. Robert McQuaid. 11-19-4.

GENERAL HOUSEWORK wanted by young lady. Address box No. 250. 11-19-3.

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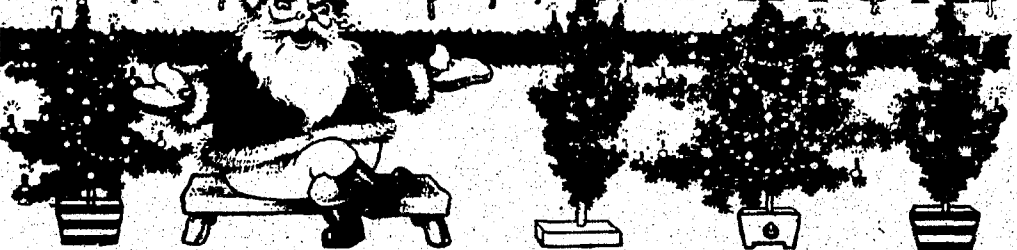
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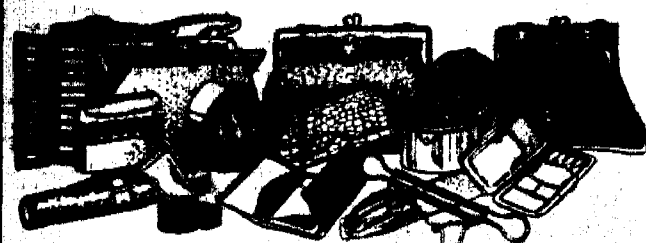
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GRAYLING, THURSDAY, DEC. 3

### Local News

Cameron Game made a business trip to Mt. Pleasant Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Gierke Wednesday last, a fine baby girl.

We will appreciate your patronage at the antiseptic barber shop. Walter Cowell, proprietor.

New goods, new styles in ladies and mens neckwear, hosiery and handkerchiefs. Watch for my Xmas ads and holiday announcements. F. Dreese.

Owing to the fact that the Methodist Aid society fair will be held on our regular dates the Hospital Aid society will be postponed to Dec. 17, and be held at Mrs. Insley's.

## It is the Early Bird that gets the Worm

JUST SO DOES THE EARLY SHOPPER GET THE PICK FROM OUR SPECIALLY SELECTED CHRISTMAS STOCK



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Byron's Coffer of Books, etc., spent Thanksgiving with George (Glen).

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If you would like to have somebody working for you, put a little money in the bank.

A Sheaffer Fountain Pen makes a nice Christmas present. A. M. Lewis sells them.

B. H. Wellington of Kalamazoo spent Thanksgiving at the home of Mrs. W. H. Ketschick.

Come to the opera house on Wednesday, Dec. 9, to get a good chicken supper for 25 cts.

For First Class Livery and Heavy Work call Peter Jorgenson. Phone 683. Open day and night.

Mrs. J. O. Goodrow left Monday morning for Searsville to visit her daughter, Mrs. Jake Collins.

Mr. and Mrs. Bingham and children spent Thanksgiving in Bay City, returning home Saturday afternoon.

The Ladies Union will hold a final business meeting at the home of Mrs. Olaf Michelson, Friday, December 4.

Mrs. J. C. Foreman and daughter Marie returned home Saturday afternoon, after an extended visit in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Armstrong and daughter Fern returned from Grassmere Sunday morning, where they were visiting relatives.

Have you ever noticed how the people who go to the city to live always come back to the village to enjoy themselves?

Your friends will appreciate a Christmas card. We have a fine line from 1c to 25c, also art calendars at 25c. Sorenson Bros.

Mrs. Frank Ayres was visiting Mrs. Sam Phelps a few days last week. She returned to her home in Bay City Monday afternoon.

The regular meeting of the M. E. Ladies Aid will be held at the parsonage tomorrow afternoon. A large attendance is desired.

Mrs. Thomas Cassidy spent Thanksgiving in Big Rapids with her daughter, Miss Bernadette, who is attending the Ferris Institute.

The Epworth League met at the home of Miss Mabel Ketschick Tuesday evening and was organized for the following winter.

Remember the chicken pie supper to be served by the M. E. Ladies' Aid society at the opera house next Wednesday, Dec. 9. Price 25 cts.

Do not buy your Christmas presents until you see what the ladies of the M. E. Aid have to offer at their fair at the opera house next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jerome and children of Grand Rapids are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bates and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jerome.

Mrs. Geo. Hodge was called to Clio last week on account of the serious illness of her son-in-law, Hugh Williford. She returned leaving him much improved.

The Avalanche has secured a number of maps of Crawford county that we will furnish with new or renewal subscription at 50 cents each. The regular price of these maps is \$1.00.

We call special attention to the combination offer of the Avalanche and Detroit Tribune at a remarkably low price. This is for renewals and new subscriptions. For particulars see the advertisement on last page.

Beginning this week the moving pictures of the Million Dollar Mystery story will be given two evenings each week. The ninth episode was produced last night, and will be followed Friday night with the tenth episode.

The Misses Hale, Moehlmann and Reagan entertained the Laffalot club at the home of Mrs. McIntyre Tuesday evening. Sewing was the chief feature of the evening and refreshments were served at a late hour. Miss Emma Woodburn was the guest of honor.

Christmas shoppers will do well to closely watch the advertisements as they appear in this paper. Our merchants mean business and are going to offer some very tempting things in order to get your trade, and endeavor this year to hold ALL the trade at home.

The dance given Thanksgiving night was well attended and proved to be very successful. The hall was prettily decorated with Alabama palms and punch was served during the evening. Clark's orchestra furnished the music. The boys are to be congratulated on their party.

The presence of J. B. Brown, of Tawas City, as one of the speakers at the Farmers' Institute, reminds ye Editor of the time we both were typewriters in the Herald office at Ithaca. Mr. Brown is the same high-minded, clean characterized person today that he was at the time we first knew him—21 years ago.

The new pool and billiard parlors recently opened over Simpson's grocery, by Chas. Trombley, are proving very attractive. The tables, four in number, and the equipment are all new and up-to-date. Mr. Trombley came here recently from Bay City, where he had been engaged in this line of business. He has made a good start here by laying down iron-clad rules that students and boys under the age of 18 years were not allowed to play, and profanity is forbidden. He says that he intends to run a clean, gentlemanly place, where any gentleman may feel at home and bring his friends.

There is only one better man than the man who gets behind and pushes an effort to improve his town, and that is the man who goes ahead and pulls.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hughes Friday last, a fine son.

We have a beautiful line of white ivory for Christmas. A. M. Lewis.

If you think a cow can't laugh for joy, let the lumber dealer sell you a silo.

Miss Lucine Fuller of Lewiston was the guest of Miss Blanche Hodge over Thanksgiving.

Foy Lake and Claude Wilks of Gaylord were here Thanksgiving night to attend the dance.

Several of the young people of West Branch were here to attend the dance Thanksgiving night.

John Pettit of Detroit was here visiting friends Thanksgiving, returning to his home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lewis and son of Frederic will leave next week for Florida, where they expect to spend the winter.

Miss Lena Brockway of Boyne City was a guest of Miss Lelah Clark over Thanksgiving. She returned to her home last Saturday.

Between now and the holidays this will be a good time to secure your latest fads in foot-wear, both for parties and street wear, at Frank's.

The Junior Aid met at Miss Anna Dingman's last Wednesday evening. The evening was spent in sewing and a very delicious lunch was served.

Mrs. Ernest Sparks returned to her home in Galesburg, Ill., Tuesday, after several months spent in Grayling. Mrs. Sparks is a sister of John Larson.

The ladies of the G. A. R. sewing circle met at the home of Mrs. Deket. The afternoon was spent in sewing and all departed for their homes after enjoying a hearty supper.

Mrs. Thomas Corner and Mrs. J. C. House and children, who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. Cameron Game, returned to their homes in Mt. Pleasant Monday afternoon.

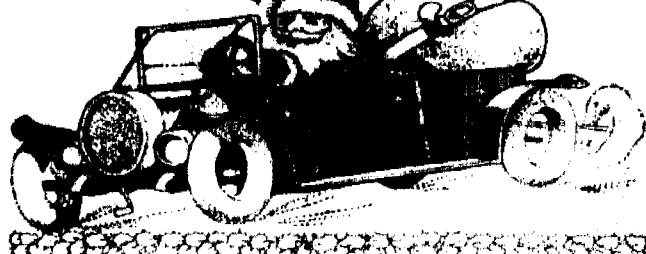
The original Light Eternal company will be in Grayling on Tuesday evening December 15th, in a new play entitled, "The Forbidden Way." Miss Louise Dunbar in the lead. This is the great actress who took the part of Princess Artemia in the Light Eternal. Further announcements next week.

Annette Kellerman in "Neptune's Daughter," was presented at the Grayling opera house last Wednesday evening to a crowded house. The production was enthusiastically received and enjoyed. The pictures were thrilling and pleasing and pleasantly romantic.

Grant Shaw had an experience last week, while on a hunting trip, that he will probably not be forgetting soon. He left the lower end of the dead water, on the AuSable river Saturday morning, intending to hunt through to Grayling, a distance of about 21 miles. After crossing the Stephan bridge he found a fresh deer track which he followed "forty ways for Sunday" until he finally had the deer hung up into a tree. The walking was about as poor as one may imagine—slush, snow about a foot deep, and this trip was about all that Grant could stand, so after getting a good start back for the highway he started a fire and rested about two hours. From here he had only traveled a few miles when his knees began to wobble and he was all ready to fall into a heap. Further attempt to travel he knew would be useless so he started a rousing fire and laid down and slept soundly until morning. Mr. Shaw estimated that he had traveled between 45 and 50 miles that day, which was a task that few men would attempt, especially in the deep snow. He felt no worse for the adventure except that he knew his family at home would be anxious about him. There are few sections in the hunting and fishing regions of Crawford county where Mr. Shaw is not perfectly familiar, and the idea of losing his way was furthest from his mind. The following morning his sons, Walter and Bert, drove out and brought in the big buck that their father had killed. It weighed over 200 pounds.

To those who care or are particular as to their foot-wear, a new line of the latest fashions and styles direct from the Florsheim factory, now display at Frank's.

## MAKE WAY



Xmas Present Suggestions



They are the clothes you read about—worn everywhere. Come in and get one—only \$17 for an overcoat or a suit.

We want to call your special attention to our new Winter Suits that are selling at \$8, \$10, \$12 and \$15. They are wonderful values.

Big, warm convertible collar Overcoats with belted back—we have your size and we fit your purse—\$8 to \$18.

New line of Table Linens, 72-in. satin finish linens at \$1.25 to \$1.75. Other grades at 60c to \$1 per yard.

Men's and Ladies heavy outing gowns at \$1.00, 75c, 50c.

The fact that this has been our best season for Ladies and Misses Coats, proves conclusively that our values and styles are right.

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Just received a big shipment of cutters. The bodies are nicely painted and decorated and striped in a tasteful manner. Do not forget that a cutter must be large enough to accommodate the baby's wraps. There are none so convenient in this respect as our line. Call early while the stock is complete.

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# The Million Dollar Mystery

By HAROLD MAC GRATH

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## SYNOPSIS.

Stanley Hargrave, millionaire, after a miraculous escape from the den of the gang of brilliant thieves known as the Black Hundred, lives the life of a recluse for eighteen years. Hargrave one night enters a Broadway restaurant and there comes face to face with the gang's leader, Braine. After the meeting, during which neither man apparently recognizes the other, Hargrave returns to his home, a magnificent Riverside home and lays plans for making his escape from the country. He writes a letter to the girl school in New Jersey where eighteen years before he had mysteriously left on the doorstep his baby daughter, Florence Gray. He also pays a visit to the hangar of a daredevil aviator, Braine and members of his band surround Hargrave's home at night, but as they enter the house the watchers outside see a balloon leave the roof. The safe is found empty—the million which Hargrave was known to have hidden that day was gone. Then some one announced the balloon had been punctured and dropped into the sea. Florence Hargrave arrives from the girls' school. Princess Olga, Braine's companion, visits her and claims to be a relative. Two beautiful detectives call, but their plot is foiled by Norton, a newspaper editor. By bribing the captain of the Orient Norton lays a trap for Braine and his gang. Princess Olga, who also visits the Orient's captain and she easily falls into the reporter's snare. The plan proves abortive through Braine's good luck, and only hirelings fall into the hands of the police. After failing in their first attempt the Black Hundred trap Florence. They ask her for money, but she escapes, again foiling them.

## CHAPTER V—Continued.

It was midnight when he made his departure. As he stepped into the street, he glanced about cautiously. On the corner he saw a policeman swinging his night stick. Otherwise the street was deserted. Braine proceeded jauntily down the street. And yet, from the darkened doors of the house across the way, the figure of a man emerged and stood contemplating the windows of the Perloff apartment. Suddenly the lights went out. The watcher made no effort to follow Braine. The knowledge he was after did not necessitate any such procedure. Of course, Florence read the "personal." She took the newspaper at once to Jones, who smiled grimly.

"You see, I trust you."

"And so long as you continue to trust me no harm will befall you. You were left in my care by your father. I am to guard you at the expense of my life. Last night's affair was a miracle. The next time you will not find it so easy to escape."

Nor did she.

"There will be no next time," gravely. "But I am going to ask you a direct question. Is my father alive?"

The butler's brow puckered. "I have promised to say nothing, one way or the other."

She laughed.

"Why do you laugh?"

"I laugh because if he were dead there would be no earthly reason for your not saying so at once. But I hate money, the name of it, the sound of it, the sight of it. It is at the bottom of all wars and crimes. I despise it!"

"The root of all evil. Yet it performs many noble deeds. But never mind the money. Let us give our attention to this personal. Doubtless it originated in the same mind which conceived the letter. Your father would never have trusted such a personal. What! Give his enemies a chance to learn his secret? No. On the other hand I want you to show this personal to all you meet today, Susan, the reporter, to everybody. Talk about it. Say that you wonder what you shall do. Trust no one with your real thoughts."

"Not even you, Mr. Jones," thought the girl as she nodded.

"And tell them that you showed it to me and that I appeared worried."

That night there was a meeting of the organization called the Black Hundred. Braine asked if anyone knew what the Hargrave butler looked like. "I had a glimpse of him the other night; but being unprepared, I might not recognize him again."

Vron described Jones minutely. Braine could almost see the portrait.

"Vron, that memory of yours is worth a lot of money," was his only comment.

"I hope it will be worth more soon."

"I believe I'll be able to recognize Mr. Jones if I see him. Who is he and why?"

"Been with Hargrave for 14 years. There was a homicidal case in which Jones was active. Hargrave saved him. He is faithful and uncommunicative. Money will not touch him. If he does know where that million is, he knows that not make him own up to it. The only way is to watch him, follow him, wait for the moment when he'll grow careless. No man is always on his mettle; he lets up sooner or later."

"He is being watched, as you know."

Vron nodded approvingly. "The captain of the tramp steamer Orient, by the way, was seen with a roll of money. He was in one of the water front saloons, bragging how he had hoodwinked some one."

"Did he say where he'd got the cash?" asked Braine.

"They tried to pump him on that, but he shut up. Well, we have agreed that Felton shall watch from the street



Florence Liked Him.

not have shown her the newspaper had there been any distrust on her part.

"My child, your father is alive, then?" animatedly.

"We don't know," sadly.

"Why, I should say that this proves it."

"On the contrary, it proves nothing of the sort, since I have yet to discover a treasure in this house. I have hunted in every nook, drawer; I've searched for panels, looked in trunks for false bottoms. Nothing, nothing! Ah, if I could only find it!"

"And what would you do with it?"

"Take it at once to some bank and offer the whole of it for the safe return of my father, every penny of it. I don't know what to do, which way to turn, tears gathering in her eyes and they were genuine tears.

"There are millions in stocks and bonds and I cannot touch a penny of it because the legal documents have not been found. I can't even prove that I am his daughter, except for half an old

bracelet, and my father's lawyer, say that that would not hold in any court."

"You were born in St. Petersburg, my dear. Have the embassy there look up the birth registers."

"That would not put me into possession. Nothing but the return of my father will avail me. And there's a horrible thought always of my not being his real daughter."

"There's no doubt in my mind. I have only to recall Katrina's face to know whose child you are. But what will you live on?" Here was a far greater mixup than she had calculated upon. Supposing after all it was only a resemblance, that the child was not Hargrave's, a substitute just to blind the Black Hundred? To keep them away from the true daughter? Her mind grew bewildered over such possibilities. The single and only way to settle all doubts was to make this child a prisoner. If she was Hargrave's true daughter he would come out of his hiding.

She heard Florence answering her question: "There is a sum of ten or twelve thousand in the Riverside bank under the control of my father's butler. After that is gone, I don't know what will happen to us, Susan and me."

"The door of Miss Farlow's will always be open to you, Florence," replied Susan, with love in her eyes.

This interesting conversation was interrupted by the advent of Norton. He was always dropping in during the late afternoon hours. Florence liked him for two reasons. One was that Jones trusted him to a certain extent and the other was that she liked him. She finished this sentence in her heart defiantly.

Today he brought her a box of beautiful roses, and at the sight of them the princess smiled faintly. Set the wind in that quarter? She could have laughed. Here was her revenge against this meddler who took no particular notice of her while Florence was in the room. She would encourage him, poor grumbling newspaper writer, with his beggarly pittance! What chance had he of marrying this girl with millions within reach of her hand?

The peculiar thing about this was that Norton was entertaining the same thought at the same time: what earthly chance had he?

In the second story window of the house over the way there was a worried man. But when his glasses brought in range the true contents of the box he laughed sardonically.

"This watching is getting my goat. I smell a rat every time I see a shadow." He wiped the lenses of his opera glasses and proceeded to roll a cigarette.

When the princess and Norton went away Jones stole quietly up to Florence's room and threw up the curtain. Two round points of light flashed from the watcher's window, but the sardonic smile on Jones' lips was not observed. He went to the door, opened it cautiously, a hand to his ear. Then he closed the door, turned back the rug and removed a section of the flooring. Out of this cavity he raised a box. There was lettering on the lid; in fact, the name of its owner, Stanley Hargrave. Jones replaced the flooring, tucked the box under his arm and made his exit.

The man lounging in the shadow heard a faint whistle. It was the signal agreed upon. The man Felton ran across the street and boldly rang the bell. It was only then that Florence missed the ever present butler. She hesitated, then sent Susan to the door.

"I must see Mr. Jones upon vitally important business."

"He has gone out," said Susan, and very sensibly closed the door before Felton's foot succeeded in getting inside.

It was time to act. He ran around to the rear. The ladder convinced him that Jones had tricked him. He was wild with rage. He was over the wall in an instant. Away down the back street his eyes discovered his man in full flight. He gave chase. As he came to the first corner he was nearly knocked over by a man coming the other way.

"Who are you bumping into?" growled Felton.

"Not so fast, Felton!"

"Who the devil are you?"

The stranger made a sign which Felton instantly recognized.

"Quick! What has happened?"

"Jones has the million and is making his getaway. See him hiking toward the water front!"

The two men began to run. There followed a thrilling chase. Jones engaged a motorboat and it was speeding seaward when the two pursuers arrived. They were not laggard. There was another boat and they made for it.

"A hundred if you overtake that boat," said Felton's strange companion. Felton eyed him thoughtfully. There was something familiar about that voice.

Great plumes of water shot up into the air. It did not prove a short race by any means. It took half an hour for the pursuer to overhaul the pursued.

"Is that Jones?"

"Yes," Felton fired his revolver into the air in hopes of terrifying Jones' engineer; but there was five hundred dollars before that individual's eyes. Let them get a little nearer," shouted the butler.

The engineer let down the speed a notch. The other boat crept up within twenty yards. Jones sought a perfect range. He would have to find this spot again.

"Surrender!" yelled Felton.

In reply Jones raised the precious box and deliberately dropped it into the sea. Then he turned his auto-

conductor, waxed angrier the more he thought of the affair and finally had Appleton arrested. He had to prove his peculiar habit in order to escape a fine.

Money Talks.

Perry Lukens, a well-known New York advertising man, has discovered that he is a philosopher. He mounted a weighing machine the other day and, dropping a cent in the slot, waited for the dial to indicate the exact number of pounds of avoirdupois tissue he was

carrying around. But the money stuck and the turned thing wouldn't work. And not having another penny in change Mr. Lukens was about to give the atmosphere the once over, superfluously speaking, of course, when he noticed that a youngster had hopped on the weighing machine. "I don't weigh anything," said the little fellow when the dial failed to move. "That was because he did not have a penny to put in the slot," explained the advertising man. Right here Mr. Lukens got his philosophical inspiration.



Florence Gray.

mail, unless I push him off into the dark. It was accidental."

The countess leaned forward, her hands tightly clenched.

"But the box?"

Braine made a gesture of despair.

"Leo, are you using any drug these days?"

"Don't make fun of me, Olga," impatiently. "Did you ever see me drink more than a pint of wine or smoke more than two cigars in an evening? Poor fools! What let my brain go into the wastebasket for the sake of an hour or so of exhilaration? No, and never will I! I'm keen about the gray matter I've got, and by the Lord Harry, I'm going to keep it. There's only one dope fiend in the Hundred, and he's one of the best decoys we have; so we let him have his coke whenever he really needs it. But this man Felton has seen my face. Some day he'll see it again, ask questions, and then—"

"Then what?"

"A burial at sea," he laughed. The laughter died swiftly as it came. "I threw it into eight hundred feet of water, on a bar where the sands are always shifting. He'll never find it, even if he took the range. He could not have got a decent one. The sun was dropping and the shadows were long. He threw the chest into the water and then began pegging away at us, cool as you please, and freed our tank."

"It looks to me as if he had wasted his time."

"That depends. Between you and me and the gate-post, I've a sneaking idea that this man Jones, whom nobody has given any particular attention, is a deep, clever man. He may have been honestly attempting to find a new hiding place; the advertisement in the newspaper may have drawn him. He may have thrown the box over in pure rage at seeing himself checkmated. Again, the whole thing may have been worked up for our benefit, a blind. But if that's the case, Jones has us on the hip, for we can't tell. But we can do what in all probability he expects we'll cease to do—watch him just as shrewdly as before."

Olga caught his hand and drew him down beside her. "I wasn't going to bother you tonight, but it may mean something vital."

"What?" alertly.

"For reply she rose and walked over to the light button. She pressed it and the apartment became dark.

"Come over to the window, quick!" She dragged him across the room. "Over the way, the house with the marble frontage."

A man emerged, lit a cigarette, and walked leisurely down the street.

"No!" she cried, as Braine turned to make for the door, doubtless with the intention of finding out who this man was. "Every night after you leave he appears."

"Does he follow me?"

"No. And that's what bothered me

at first. I believed he was watching some apartment above. But regularly when I turn out the lights he comes forth. So there's no doubt that he watches you enter and takes note of your departure."

"But doesn't follow me. That's odd. What the devil is his idea?"

"I'd give a good deal to learn."

The shadow and the glowing cigarette disappeared around the corner, and the lights in the apartment were turned on again.

"He's gone. You really think he's watching me?"

"He is watching this apartment. I know that much."

And even at that moment the watcher was watching from his vantage behind the corner.

"Suspicious!" he murmured, tossing the cigarette into the gutter. "They're watching me for a change. I'll drop out. I know what I know. It's a great work. It's fine to be alive and kicking on top of it." He went on without haste and took the subway train for downtown.

"Is there any way I could get near him?" asked Braine.

"Tomorrow night you might leave by the janitor's entrance. I'll keep the lights on till you're outside. Then I'll turn them off and you can follow and learn who he is."

"It's mighty important."

"Don't scowl. At your age a wrinkle is apt to remain if you once get it started."

He laughed. "Wrinkles!" She could talk of wrinkles!

"They are more important than you think. Every morning I rub out the wrinkle I go to bed with."

"I wish you could rub out the general stupidity which is wrinkling my brain. I've made three moves and failed in each. What's come over me?"

"Perhaps you've had too many successes. The wheel of chance is always turning around."

"May I smoke?"

"Thanks. At least it proves you still have some consideration for me. You would smoke whether it was agreeable or not. But I like the odor of a good cigar. And it always helps you to think."

Braine lit the cigar and began his customary pacing. At length he paused.

"Suppose we have a real old-fashioned coaching party out to the old mansion we know about?"

"And what shall we do there?"

"Make the mansion an enchanted castle where sometimes people who enter can't get out. Do you think you could get her to go?"

"I can try."

"Olga, I must have that girl; and I must have her soon. Sometimes I find myself mightily puzzled over the whole thing. If Hargrave is alive, why doesn't he turn up now that it's practically known that his daughter presides over his household? I might understand it if I didn't know that Hargrave is really afraid of nothing. Where is the man with the five thousand, picked up at sea? What was the reason for Jones carrying that box out in broad daylight? Who is the chap watching across the street? Sometimes I believe in my soul—if I have one—that Hargrave is playing with us, playing! Well, flinging the half consumed cigar into the grate, the Black Hundred always goes for ward, win or lose, and never forgets."

"We are a fine pair!" said the woman bitterly.

"We are exactly what fate intended us to be. They wrote you down in the book as a beautiful body with a crooked mind. They wrote me down as the lid, doomed to roam earth's top till I'm killed."

"Killed?"

"Why, yes. I'm not the kind of chap who dies in bed, surrounded by the weeping members of the family, doctor, nurse, and priest. I'm a scoundrel; but it has this saving grace, I enjoy being a scoundrel. Now I'm going up to the club. There's nothing like a game of billiards or chess to smooth that wrinkle which seems to worry you."

In the great newspaper office there was a mighty racket. Midnight always means pandemonium in the city room of a metropolitan daily. Copy boys were rushing to and fro, messengers and printers with sticky galleys in their hands; reporters were banging away at their typewriters, and intermingling you could hear the ceaseless clickety-click from the telegraph room.

The managing editor came out of his office and approached the desk of the night city editor.

"Editorial page gone down?"

"Twenty minutes ago," said the night city editor.

"I wanted a stick on that Panama rumper."

"Too late."

"Where's Jim Norton?"

"At the chamber of commerce banquet. The major is going to throw a bomb into the enemy's camp."

"Nothing on the Hargrave stuff?"

"No. Guess I'd better put that in the cubbyhole. He's dead."

"No will found yet?"

"Not a piece as big as a postage stamp."

"That will leave the girl in a tough place. No will, no birth certificate; and, worst of all, no photograph of the old man himself. I don't see why Jim sidestepped this affair. He the only man in town who knew anything about Hargrave."

"He hasn't given it up, but he wants to cover it on his own, turn the yarn over when he's got it, no false alarms."

"Ah! So that's the game?"

"Yes; and Jim is the sort every paper needs. When the time comes the story turns up, if there is one. Here

carrying around. But the money stuck and the turned thing wouldn't work. And not having another penny in change Mr. Lukens was about to give the atmosphere the once over, superfluously speaking, of course, when he noticed that a youngster had hopped on the weighing machine. "I don't weigh anything," said the little fellow when the dial failed to move. "That was because he did not have a penny to put in the slot," explained the advertising man. Right here Mr. Lukens got his philosophical inspiration.

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Do you know that your back may be merely a hint of some hidden, deep-seated kidney disorder? Census records show that deaths from kidney disorders have increased 75% in 20 years. People can't seem to realize that the first pain in the back, the first disorder of the urine, demands instant attention—that it may be a signal of coming rheumatism, gravel, dropsy or fatal Bright's disease. The best prevention of serious kidney disorders is prompt treatment—the best medicine is Doan's Kidney Pills.

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## IS MATTER OF COMPARISON

True Significance of World's Styling a Man Wise and Virtuous Beyond His Fellow.

It is usual to compare one man with another, and finding very few whom we can call wise or virtuous, we are apt to entertain a contemptible notion of our species in general. That we may be sensible of the fallacy of this way of reasoning, we may observe that the honorable appellations of wise and virtuous are not annexed to any particular degree of those qualities of wisdom and virtue, but arise altogether from the comparison we make between one man and another. When we find a man who arrives at such a pitch of wisdom as is very uncommon, we pronounce him a wise man; so that to say there are few wise men in the world is really to say nothing; since it is only by their scarcity that they merit that appellation. Were the lowest of our species as wise as Lord Bacon, we should not have reason to say that there are few wise men. For in that case we should exalt our notions of wisdom, and should not pay a singular homage to anyone who was not singularly distinguished by his talents.—David Hume.

## FOR SKIN-TORTURED BABIES.

A hot bath with Cuticura Soap followed by a light application of Cuticura Ointment, gently rubbed on the surface, afford immediate relief and insure speedy healing of itchy, disfiguring eczema, rashes, itchings, burnings, scallings and crustings of the skin and scalp of infants and children, bringing rest to worn-out, anxious mothers and peace to distracted households. For free sample each with 32 p. Skin Book, address postcard Cuticura, Dept. X, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

## Early Dams on the Nile.

What the British are undertaking in the Nile country, in the introduction of irrigation plans, was carried out to an interesting extent about 5,600 years ago by King Menes. He is credited with the earliest irrigation works, when dykes were made on the west bank of the Nile to retain the flood waters on the land for a longer period, the east bank being left open for the foundation to spend itself freely. Two thousand years later Amenemhat III extended the same system of "basin irrigation" to the east bank, and in order to ward off the danger of a high flood he made Lake Moeris where is now the Fayum. Into this great artificial lake, one of the wonders of the world at that period, the high waters were allowed to escape, and from it when the crest of the flood had passed, the basins of lower Egypt were kept supplied, without danger of overflowing.

## Ne-tral.

"Can't ya give a poor old soldier a dime?" whined the panhandler. "I just come over from fightin' fer France and I ain't gotta cent to my name."

"Sorry, old man," said Dinglebat, with a deep sigh. "I'd like to help you out, but in these delicate moments I must adhere to our national policy and decline to give aid to belligerents."—Judge.

## Worth Hoping For.

Pa—What's that dreadful noise in the parlor?

Ma—Sarah's new beau is showing her how he can throw his voice.

Pa—Well, don't disturb him; maybe he'll throw it so far he won't be able to get it back again.—Youngstown Telegram.

## Or His Help.

Alice—What is your favorite art? Betty—The millionaire.—Boston Evening Transcript.

A woman hates a male flirt worse than she hates a mouse—unless he's flirting with her.

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A perfect preparation of purest ingredients for the hair. It keeps the hair soft and healthy, and prevents it from falling out.

## HAD TO PROVE THE HABIT

Man Who Had Allowed Himself the Practice of Keeping Left Eye Closed, Got in Much Trouble.

Physicians of Birmingham, Ala., recently called attention to the case of Thomas Armstrong, a boy of twelve years, who uses his hands as well as his feet for locomotion. Instead of walking erect, he has never known any other way of getting about. The juvenile court took the boy in charge

## In the hope of teaching him normal walking methods.

Charles Appleton of New Orleans was the subject of illustration at a lecture given by a physician in that city not long ago. He had contracted the habit of closing his left eye. He said it rested his sight, he fancied, the left eye being the weaker of the two. The habit grew until he was not using it for reading purposes.

At the lecture it was recited that everything had been done to break him of the habit, but without success, un-

til he met with an adventure on a street car that rattled him considerably. A woman boarded the car on which he was a passenger. He had his left eye closed as usual. She casually glanced at Appleton and remarked the closed eyes without there seeming to be any cause for an apparent affliction. She looked once or twice again and made such an impression on Appleton that he was startled out of his habit and opened his eye. The woman looked, started, denounced him as a flirter, complained to the

conductor, waxed angrier the more she thought of the affair and finally had Appleton arrested. He had to prove his peculiar habit in order to escape a fine.

Money Talks.

Perry Lukens, a well-known New York advertising man, has discovered that he is a philosopher. He mounted a weighing machine the other day and, dropping a cent in the slot, waited for the dial to indicate the exact number of pounds of avoirdupois tissue he was

carrying around. But the money stuck and the turned thing wouldn't work. And not having another penny in change Mr. Lukens was about to give the atmosphere the once over, superfluously speaking, of course, when he noticed that a youngster had hopped on the weighing machine. "I don't weigh anything," said the little fellow when the dial failed to move. "That was because he did not have a penny to put in the slot," explained the advertising man. Right here Mr. Lukens got his philosophical inspiration.

"How this applies to every day life when a man hasn't anything," soliloquized he. "No money—therefore he does not weigh anything." Which are profound words of philosophy, especially if you cannot make a touch.

Hard to Please.

"You didn't show your old-time form in that seashore ballad," said the manager.

"Quit cher kiddin'," said Tillie Toodies. "I showed all the form I could without gettin' plucked."

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## Sportswoman in Hunting Season

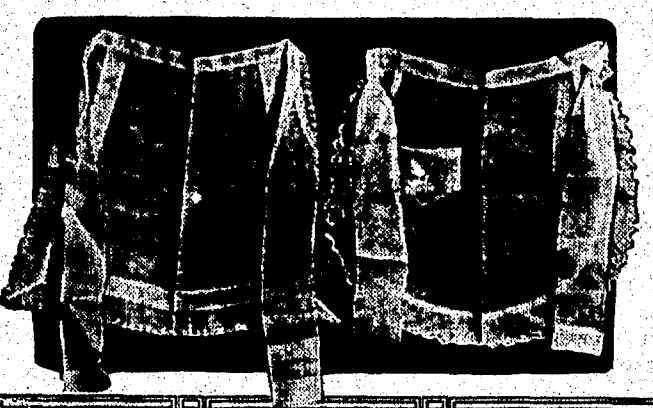


A French idea in hunting garb is shown here which the practical American may make use of in fashioning her own. No American who undertakes tramping through field and wood over hill and valley would consider following this model exactly. We wear short skirts, bloomers and leggings and are prepared to tramp the wild, not always following beaten paths. But hunting and fishing and tramping in the alluring out-of-doors is not simply a pose with the American sportswoman; she really hunts some, fishes considerably, and tramps much.

The jacket in the model pictured is ideal. Made of checked tweed in shades of brown, it is roomy enough for freedom and snug enough for comfort, and is not ungraceful. The back is plain, with the fronts filled in a little above the belt. The sleeves, of the plain coat-sleeve variety, are finished with a pointed cuff on the upper side. The yoke overlaps the jacket at the top, fastening on the shoulders, and a plain turn-over collar finishes the neck.

Plain machine stitching finishes all edges. The jacket fastens with snap fasteners, and small metal buttons, too. The cap is a very good model, with a visor of which there is only a glimpse in the picture. Such caps are made of velours, chinchilla, velveteens, tweeds and similar fabrics, and it would be hard to improve on this one. It is comfortable and becoming. For the crisp and glorious days of Indian summer and the light snows of December the real sportswoman can equip herself to be entirely comfortable and be conscious of looking well, too.

## Dainty Serving Aprons, to Cost a Quarter



IF YOU are casting about for inexpensive Christmas gifts there is hardly anything that makes as good a showing, for the smallest outlay, as the little serving apron. Of course these small bits of dainty apparel may be made of fine materials, trimmed with the more costly lingerie laces, and elaborated into expensive affairs, but these will not be any more pleasing than the plain aprons which are equally dainty and are made of inexpensive cotton fabrics trimmed with sheer embroideries or the cheaper laces.

The weaving of cotton into exquisite fabrics that cost little has placed a world of opportunities at the hand of the needle woman. All the fine cotton lawn, plain and printed, dotted mull and swiss, plain and printed voiles, fancy nets and cotton marquisette are in line with fancy weaves to make the frivolous little accessories of dress and the airy house and party gowns which women are privileged to wear. Everyone of them is available for the serving apron and for the morning cap.

There is a saving in buying enough material to cut several aprons, and they may be made of short lengths or pieces or remnants, because the body of the apron is often cut in panels that are set together with narrow val lace. Short lengths of embroidery serve for edgings, because they are put on without fullness. A pocket, decked out with a small bow or rosette, is an embellishment and comes in handy for the lace-bordered handkerchief. Since it is so much the vogue for the daughters of the house, little and big, or for the young hostess, to serve the guest at tea or luncheon, the serving apron is sure to be appreciated by her who is remembered with one at Christmas time. The pretty aprons shown here cost only a quarter each.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.

## Wide Skirt Has Arrived.

"The wide skirt has arrived," says a fashion authority. "It started with the short, flaring minaret tunic. From there it lengthened and expanded into the long, full Russian overskirt. Here it ruled supreme for some time, but at last the final drop came, and suddenly, too, and its end is the three and a half yard round-the-bottom skirt. The circular skirt hanging in quaint godet ruffles is a rival of the new plaited skirt, and Paris favors both as smart autumn styles. The long coat which flares even more than the skirt beneath is the suit coat of the hour, while the baggie which clings to the figure has taken the place of the baggy kimono blouse. It has brought with it the high collar and the higher ruche, which flares. It is interesting to note that we are to flare both at the neck and at the feet this winter."

## Fur Capes and Ruffs.

Fur trimmings are a strong feature of women's dress this season and therefore it is to be expected that fur should prove a big item in the woman's wardrobe. According to the Dry Goods Economist, Cape collars of fur finished with standing ruffles are a feature, as also are mink ruffs with a tu band in the back.

Some of the more elaborate novelties designed as foundations for evening dresses show trimmings of fur, combined with smart opalescent samples and beads.

## Fashionable Dark Blue.

Dark blue is surely as fashionable as its stanchest admirers could wish to have it. Blue serge has been fashionable for several seasons, increasing in popularity now as ever. Of course, blue serge coat suits demand blue accessories, so there are blue net blouses, blue silk and lace stockings, blue handbags and other blue things by the score. Then there are many blue velvet hats. Blue is one of the best colors in the lovely new brocade for evening wear, too. And blue velvet—even crimson velvet—is not more regal looking than rich and sumptuous velvet of king's blue.

## Ostrich at Hands and Throat.

One of the alluring trimmings of the new season in ostrich, and one of the most alluring ways of using it is at the hands and throat of a silk or satin frock. One is old gold charmeuse of soft color and texture has brown ostrich plumes outlining the round neck and finishing the very long sleeves.

## Fundamental Principles of Health

By ALBERT S. GRAY, M.D.

## RAPID ENERGY AND DISEASE.

So tenaciously do the legends of our forefathers cling to us that even yet it is the common belief that all our ills are of external origin, the result of some malignant power which takes possession of us by capture and can be overcome only by the introduction into our bodies of the appropriate antagonist in quantity sufficient to neutralize and beat down the unhealthy conditions. Every discovery seems to prove that the truth is always simple, but because our powers of observation are poorly trained and our knowledge of the universe is very slight we go blundering along, ever seeking some miracle for the relief of our ills, blind to the fact that health is simply a matter of being in accord with the balance of the universe. The truth of this is proved by the fact that in the final analysis all our diseases are found to originate in some deficiency, because we ignore some simple natural requirement which breaks the normal continuity of the vital chain binding every living unit into a nicely balanced reciprocating machine.

"The scientific world has come to believe that the primary sources of natural energy by virtue of which the universe keeps going over immense periods of time are to be found not in the great masses of glowing matter dotting the heavens, nor in any of the relations between energy and matter in bulk, but in the reactions between the individual atoms out of which bulk is made up." Just so, too, our bulk, happiness, and efficiency are the direct products of the natural operation of the individual cells of which we are composed. And anything which disturbs the natural relations between these minute individuals is certain to result in some form of variation which we usually call ill health.

We have noted that variations in plant growth take place under different colored lights because plants have the inherited capacity to develop normally only under white light. But there has been very little research work done along these lines for the purpose of determining why these variations occur. Probably the most significant facts in this connection are to be found in the discoveries of Dr. J. R. Green, who in 1897 showed that light had an appreciable effect on the formation and action of the enzymes in plants and that the red and blue rays favored the formation of the enzymes, while the green, the indigo and the violet, and especially the ultraviolet, rays destroyed them. He also made the striking suggestion that "vegetable structures have a power of absorbing radiant energy which is not connected with the presence and activity of chlorophyll."

We know tuberculosis to be essentially a deficiency disease, the ultimate result of insufficient food and air and light. The only known successful method of controlling the disease consists in supplying the missing factors by a simple substantial diet and living out of doors. Prevention, not cure, is the modern weapon against this scourge, and prevention consists in sufficient food, air and light.

If all living things are subject to the same laws then it would be reasonable to infer that Doctor Green's hint that "vegetable structures have a power of absorbing radiant energy which is connected with the presence and activity of chlorophyll" may have a parallel in the human body, and perhaps we, too, may have a power of absorbing radiant energy not connected with the presence and activity of hemoglobin, our oxygen carrying substance analogous to chlorophyll in the plant. This appears to be true in a measure, if satisfactory improvements in tubercular conditions secured under direct sun rays are noted.

A method of treatment by means of prolonged exposure of the naked body to solar rays has been found particularly helpful for tuberculosis of the bones, joints and ganglia. The new treatment is called heliotherapy and has been found not only particularly helpful in tubercular diseases, but has also met with marked success in other diseases.

In a general sense the healing virtues of sunlight have been recognized from the dawn of human history and are embodied in a thousand myths and legends, but the facts have been steadfastly ignored, while the whole world

has sought for the fountain of youth. It has remained for our own generation to discover that direct sunlight is not merely beneficial in stimulating the general health and raising the tone of mind and body, but that, as we shall later see, it possesses a therapeutic value in certain ailments which border on the marvelous and forces us more and more to recognize that disease is the result of social and economic conditions.

## SUNLIGHT AND TUBERCULOSIS.

Referring to certain worms and jelly-fish which contain chlorophyll, seek sunlight and give off oxygen in the light, but soon die if kept in the dark, Bunge writes: "It follows that a complete antithesis between interchange of force and matter in animals and plants does not exist; and it will be henceforth impossible to separate the physiological chemistry of the vegetable from that of the animal world. The more our knowledge of each section of science advances the more the two become fused together." There is a fundamental law that prevails throughout all departments of nature that nothing can come into being that is not demanded by the conditions at the time. There is, in other words, a reason for everything, and investigation to the point of understanding invariably proves every phenomenon to be very simple.

Ordinarily the sun is looked on by the average individual with interest only when it is undergoing eclipse, but the botanist who has reduced plant culture to almost a science knows that the sun is the most vital factor in life. The botanist knows by experience that if his plants do not receive sufficient sunlight they become weakened and readily acquire all sorts of fungous diseases. There is no mystery about it at all. Also he knows that if the soil conditions are not normal sunlight alone will not protect his plants from diseases. All the conditions must be in harmony for normal results.

Possibly taking the hint from the botanist, Professor Poncet of Lyons—the first person systematically to employ heliotherapy, a method of treating surgical tuberculosis by means of direct sunlight—began to use the direct sun rays in the treatment of tubercular joint infections in 1892 and not only used the method freely in his personal practice, but impressed the value of solar exposure upon all his pupils. In 1899 the definite statement was made that Professor Poncet believed the beneficial effects from the exposure of tubercular infections to solar rays extended not only to tubercular bones, ganglia and the like, but also to tuberculosis of the internal organs. It is interesting here to note that Dr. Alexis Carrel began his surgical studies as interne under Professor Poncet and it is not unreasonable to infer that the influence of Professor Poncet's initiative may have spurred Doctor Carrel into original work.

Doctor Roller, a Swiss physician of Leyden, became an ardent advocate of the treatment and secured marvelous results from the use of direct sun rays on tubercular infections in patients among the snow covered peaks of Switzerland.

Doctor Oelsnitz of Nice reports the treatment useful in tuberculous peritonitis. Doctor Emmett of Philadelphia and Doctor Squire of Moscow report excellent results from sun rays in acute muscular rheumatism. Direct sunlight is declared to be beneficial in infected wounds, and Doctor Almes of Montpellier reports that the treatment hastens the formation of scar skin on burns, which usually heal very slowly.

Doctor Hinsdale, writing in the *Interstate Medical Journal*, describes the treatment as follows: "The patient is clothed in linen or white flannel, according to the season; he wears a white hat and is protected from direct sunlight on the face by a screen, and wears smoked or yellow glasses. And now comes the peculiar and interesting method of the exposure. The patient is placed in the sun, the spine or the cervical glands, the invariable rule is to begin with the feet. The next day the legs will be exposed; the third day the thighs. On the fourth day the abdomen is exposed; the fifth the thorax. Finally on the sixth or seventh day he exposes the neck and head with careful supervision."

The treatment is reported to be very effective in tubercular hip, joint and knee diseases, especially in the latter, because in such cases not only is the infection destroyed and the wound healed, but the joint remains mobile, a result always lacking where surgical interference is resorted to. Also it is reported effective in tubercular peritonitis, acute muscular rheumatism and trachoma, a very infectious granular inflammation of the mucous lining of the eyelids and the outside of the eye.

But it is not necessary to go to the mountains for treatment, for the sun shines everywhere. The stripe which is to represent it in the standard. The whole is to be put together in the Betsy Ross house in Philadelphia, and to make a flag that is to be unfurled when President Wilson presses an electric button in Washington. Colonel Goethals has interested himself in the matter and there will probably be no difficulty in carrying it to a successful conclusion.

## A Big Mistake.

"What's the matter?" we asked of the June groom.

"I'm in bad. My wife says her faith in me is hopelessly shattered."

"What terrible thing have you done?"

"It didn't seem so terrible at the start. I broke a dish and tried to blame it on my wife's pet cat."

## One Sent.

Mrs. Fiddling (who is distributing flowers among the poor)—Is it possible, my dear, that none of your flowers was sent away by the Fresh Air mission?"

Mrs. Slavin—Are them the black garlands that caused me husband to be sent away for 30 days?—Puck.

**Making a Skylight Drip-Proof.**  
A Pennsylvania wire glass company has evolved a new type of glass that solves a problem of much importance to many manufacturing plants—that of eliminating the drip from the underside of skylights. In many of the arts, in silk and cotton mills, paper factories or chocolate works, the falling of a single drop causes much damage. The new glass has an under-surface with eight webs or channels to the inch, the webs being of such form as to give the greatest degree of capillary attraction. The result is that even when pitched as low as ten degrees above the horizontal, all condensation is held and carried down to the gutter at the foot of each sheet.

**Low Countries in Fiction.**  
Both Belgium and Holland, in the guise of the Low Countries, as they used to be called, figure very prominently in English fiction. Thackeray, in particular, placed very many scenes there, as every reader of "Emmond" and "Vanity Fair" will recall. Namur deserves a very special place in literary affections for its associations with "Tristram Shandy." It was the fortifications of this city that "My Uncle Toby," assisted by "Corporal Trim," spent his time in constructing in miniature replica. It was also "My Uncle Toby," it is interesting to recall, "who was responsible for that classic phrase, 'Our troops swore horribly in Flanders.'"

**Good Guess, Anyway.**  
A congressman said in the lobby of a Washington hotel that you can't lose the youngsters when it comes to making a good guess, even if they don't hit the mark. In proof of the statement, he told his story: "Some time ago the teacher in a public school was giving a talk on classic mythology. Little Willie was not very attentive, and when it came to the questioning part of the game, he was lost in the wilderness. 'Willie,' said the teacher, closing the book and looking impressively at the youngster, 'can you tell me who Cyclops was?' 'Yes, ma'am,' was the prompt answer of Willie. 'He was the feller what wrote the cyclopedia.'"

**The Retort Courteous.**  
The telephone girls are forbidden to "answer back," no matter how abusive a customer may be. Sometimes they get out of this with a glib excuse. These people, with their glib excuses, remind me of the philanthropic husband. This chap, in a dim-lit conservatory, was rebuked thus by a pretty girl: "How dare you try to kiss me? Only this afternoon I saw you kissing your wife. And I heard you tell her, too, that she was all the world to you." "Yes, that's right," the philanthropic husband said calmly. "But then there are two worlds, you know. Wife is the old world. You are the new."

**You and Your Work.**  
Is work a burden? Do you rebel at everything and are you withholding your best efforts? Get another place! It is time for you to give your notice and attach yourself to another bread line. Never let work overpower you with its demands on energy. The man or woman who dies in the traces, without the joy of work, may have a big funeral, but sermons and shaking heads of the onlookers are of little worth to the personality that has gone too soon. Make your work contribute to the joy of living. Make it help you to grow. Look for something in the new future that will do this.

**The Path of Duty.**  
We all love to pluck the fairest fruit and to gather the sweetest flowers, but put this down as a truth worthy to be graven on a pillar of brass, that more enjoyable fruit grows by the wayside of the path of duty, than in all the wilderness of wilful inclination.

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